



Art Auction at the Numismatic Museum for Aruba's Special Athletes

The JMO Foundation and the Special Olympics Committee of Aruba are conducting a fundraising art auction at the Numismatic Museum on Friday, March 30, from 7:30 until 9:30 PM. The organizers are pleased to have many noted Aruban artists participate in the auction to help raise funds to send Aruba's special athletes to the International Special Olympics in Beijing, China in November. This is only the first of a number of fundraising events devoted to this cause, including a benefit concert on The Freewinds cruise ship on Saturday, April 14.

Participating are: Gerda van Leeuwen, Edmond Tujeehut, Timothy Charles, Greg Carvalhal, Michi Takatsu, Rosalie Klein, Eliza Lejuez, Elvis Tromp, Frank Croes, Diane Keijzer, Gustave Nouel, Gwendy Sneek, Walter Wever, Glenda Hyligher and Eduardo Valbuena. The art offered for auction is an extremely eclectic collection of not only paintings, but also photographs and Japanese Hari-e. Kenneth Faustin, a certified auctioneer in the United States will preside over the bidding.

It is expected to be a delightful evening under the stars in the courtyard of the Numismatic Museum, with a wine and cheese party to facilitate the fundraising. Organizers urge lovers of art to come and bid generously to support this excellent cause and help Aruba's Special Athletes return from China with the gold and silver medals they are training hard to win. The Special Olympics Committee hopes to raise the funds to send ten athletes and their chaperones to the event.

For more information about the auction, and to acquire an online catalog of the art being offered call 593-6462 or e-mail rosalie.klein@gmail.com or daisy4croes@gmail.com.